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1. EMBASSY OSLO WISHES TO SECOND COPENHAGEN'S OBSERVATION ABOUT THE LARGE NUMBER OF UNNECESSARY OR EVEN FRIVOLOUS COMMUNICATIONS TO OUR MDA OFFICE. NOT ONLY DOES THIS TRAFFIC TIE UP OUR EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS UNNECESSARILY BUT BECAUSE AN UNNECESSARILY HIGH PERCENTAGE OF THE MDA TRAFFIC IS NOT SENT BY ROUTINE PRECEDENCE, MUCH OF THE MDA TRAFFIC GETS PRECEDENCE OVER MORE SUBSTANTIVE COMMUNICATIONS TO THIS MISSION. FOR EXAMPLE, ACCORDING TO OUR TRAFFIC SURVEY HERE 75 PERCENT OF THE TELEGRAPHIC GROUPS ADDRESSED TO OUR FORMER MAAG OFFICE WAS SENT WITH A PRIORITY PRECEDENCE. BY CONTRAST ONLY 25 PERCENT OF STATE AND USIS TRAFFIC WAS SENT PRIORITY.

2. IT STRIKES US THAT IN THIS REVIEW OF MDA TRAFFIC WASHINGTON SHOULD ALSO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE ABUSE OF TELEGRAPHIC PRECEDENCE INDICATORS.
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